

Supplementary Table 1. Modified disease severity score after Gern(27)

Symptom	point score ^a
Fever	1
Cough	1
Rhinorrhea	1
Duration of illness > 4 days	1
Apnea	3
Wheezing	5
Cyanosis	5
Retractions	5
Tachypnea	5

^a Score 0-7 represents mild disease, 8-18 moderate disease and 19-27 severe disease at initial presentation.